Breaking And Making Up Missed Days of Fast

Kaffarah For Breaking The Fast Of Ramadhaan

Praise is due to Allaah, may the peace and salutations of Allaah be with the final Prophet (**Õáì Çáåå Úáíå æÓáã**)
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To proceed, The Permanent Committee for Research and Fatwaa has seen the question sent to the Head of the committee by a sister, and which was referred to the committee by the office of the Secretary General of the Committee of Eminent Scholars that contains the following:

Question:
I fell sick and the situation worsened, so my brother took me to hospital in Mecca, and during my stay in the hospital, the month of Ramadhaan entered twice, then I was taken to Riyadh and the month of Ramadhaan came again, but I was better then, so I fasted the whole month and nothing remains except the two previous Ramadhaan. Note that I fast 3 days every month, what should I do? Should 1 give charity or what? Must I take the charity from my old father, who is very poor since he is not employed nor does he own a house, rather he rents, and I am a very weak lady, I can't work nor give the charity. What do I do?

Answer:
What is compulsory upon the lady in question is to repay the two months of the fast of Ramadhaan because of the general statement in the saying of Allaah the Exalted:

...Ýóãóä ßóÇäó ãöäßõã ãøóÑöíÖðÇ Ãóæú Úóáóì ÓóÝóÑò ÝóÚöÏøóÉñ ãøöäú ÃóíøóÇãò ÃõÎóÑó

.... so whoever among you is sick or on a journey, then he should repay an equal number of days in other days (than Ramadhaan...)[1]

As for what the lady mentioned concerning her fasting three days of every month, if her intention is to repay what she missed of Ramadhaan, then her intention is correct and all she has to do is to come up with what remains of fasting of the two months. If her intention is voluntary fasting, then that does not take the place of the obligatory fast, hence she should fast two complete months and she does not have to feed any needy person apart from fasting, since she has a valid excuse in delaying the fast due to her illness.

May the peace and salutations of Allaah be with the Prophet' Muhammad (**Õáì Çááå Úáíå æÓáã**), his family and his companions.

(The Permanent Committee)

Repaying Fasting After A Long Period Of Sickness

Praise is due to Allaah, may the Salaat and salaam be upon his Prophet (**Õáì Çááå Úáíå æÓáã**), his family and his companions.

To proceed, The Permanent Committee for Research and Fatwaa has seen the question sent to the Head of the committee by the Head of the Agency For Promoting Virtue and Preventing Vice and which was referred to the committee by the office of the Secretary General with reference number 1938/2 dated 22/11/'96 and which contains the following:

Question:
There is a lady who has been suffering from a mental problem, high temper, etc., as a result of which she stopped fasting for almost four years. Should one in such a situation make-up the fast, or what is the ruling concerning her?

The Committee has replied as follows:

Answer:
If she left fasting due to her inability w fast, then she should make-up what she missed of Ramadhaan in the four years, as soon as she has the ability to do so. Allaah the Exalted says:

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...So whoever among you is sick or on a journey,then he should repay an equal number of days in other days (than Ramadhaan), Allaah wishes ease for you, and He does not wish hardship for you, and that you may complete the (prescribed) number and that you may Exalt Allaah for what He has guided you to and that you may be grateful. [2]

However, if the sickness and inability to fast is such that there is no hope for its cure, according to the expectations of doctors, then she should feed a needy person one Saa' of wheat, dates, of rice, etc., of what her family usually ears in place of each day she missed, like an old man or woman who is fatigued by fasting that puts them in serious difficulty, and there is no fasting to be made-up by her.

May the peace and salutations of Allaah be with the Prophet Muhammad
(**Õáì Çáää Úáíå æÓáã**), his family and his companions.

(The Permanent Committee)

One Who Did Not Repay (Missed Days Of) Ramaadhaan Out Or Ignorance

Question:
My mother delivered a child in 13B2H (1960CE) in the month of Ramadhaan and it is known that a nursing mother should not fast in the month of Ramadhaan for fear of the health of her child, but they did not know that she has to make-up the fast of Ramadhaan after the child has grown, because they live in a remote area where only little is known about (the rulings or) Islam.

Today, after knowledge has spread, she has learned that whoever missed Ramadhaan must repay it. Now, she missed the fast in I382H for a valid reason, which is nursing her baby and the child has grown-up and is now 24, and the fasting has not been made-up since, and I swear to Allaah that it is due to ignorance, not out of indifference or deliberate disobedience. I hope you will answer me.

Answer:
It is compulsory upon her to hurry and make-up that month as soon as possible, and she should do so, even if bit-by-bit, according to the number of days fasted by Muslims that year. In addition, she should feed a needy person for each day she missed as atonement for the delay in not making-up the fast, as whoever delays making-up his fasting till the arrival of another Ramadhaan must feed the needy in addition to the missed fasting. Thus, a bag of rice (45Kg) will suffice for the whole month.

In addition, she ought to have asked (scholars) concerning her religion because this issue is common and known among most people. Also, though she did not fast due to an excuse, she should quickly make it up, without delay, for she is not allowed to delay it.

As for her not fasting due to nursing, the excuse may either be fear for herself, that she will be harmed by combining fasting and nursing, in which case she only needs to compensate for the fast immediately. Or as a result of the child, when she fears that it will be faced with hunger and sickness and breaks the fast, in which case she has to feed the needy in addition to making-up the fast, according to the number of days she missed, even if she made it up it in the same year.

Thus, if her missing the fast was for the sake of the child, and she delayed making it up, then she has to feed the needy twice. And Allaah knows best.

(Shaikh Ibn Jibreen - Al-Yamamah, 892)

Unable to Fast for Four Years Due to Illness

Question:
A man was struck by a chronic illness, so the doctors advised him not to fast. He was cured of this illness after a period of four years. What should he do now that Allaah has cured him? Should he make up that which has passed?

Answer:
Anyone who does not fast because of an illness then, after the illness has passed and he is able, it is obligatory for him to make those days up which he was unable to fast. This was mentioned by Allaah (subhaanahu wa-ta' aala):

...Ýóãóä ßóÇäó ãöäßõã ãøóÑöíÖðÇ Ãóæú Úóáóì ÓóÝóÑò ÝóÚöÏøóÉñ ãøöäú ÃóíøóÇãò ÃõÎóÑó

(Fasting) for a fixed number of days, but if any of you is ill or on a journey, the same number (should be made up) from other days, [3]

For he who had not fasted for four consecutive Ramadhaan and has now been cured, then it is obligatory upon him to make up the days missed (in order). However, he should distance the days from each other according to his ability to (make up the) fast, until he makes up all that he needs to so that he relieves himself of the responsibility. It is not obligatory for him to make up the days all at once, as that which is mentioned by Allaah (subbaanahu wa-tdaald):

ÝóÇÊøóÞõæÇ Çáåøóåó ãóÇ ÇÓúÊóØóÚúÊõãú æóÇÓúãóÚõæÇ æóÃóØöíÚõæÇ æóÃóäÝöÞõæÇ ÎóíúÑðÇáøöÃóäÝõÓößõãú æóãóä íõæÞó ÔõÍøó äóÝúÓöåö ÝóÃõæúáóÆößó åõãõ Çáúãõ Ýúáóíõæäó

So keep your duty to Allaah and fear Him as much as you can; listen and obey; and spend in charity, that is better for yourselves. And whosoever is saved from his own covetousness, then they are the successful ones? [4]

This is the case since the time for making up the fasts is plenty.

(Shaikh Saalih Ibn Fawzaan)

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[1] Surah Al-Baqarah : 184
[2] Surah Al-Baqarah : 185
[3] Surah Al-Baqarah : 184
[4] Surah At-Taghaabun : 16

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